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MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Director

SUBJECT : Revised National Disclosure Policy

1. After reading the rather compelling memorandum from the Acting Director of Security, I signed the proposed letter to Secretary Johnson. However, after reading the document itself, I have doubts that it goes far enough into the problem insofar as the responsibilities of the DCI are concerned.

2. Section 102 (d) of Title I of the National Security Act of 1947, As Amended, clearly states, "... That the Director of Central Intelligence shall be responsible for protecting intelligence sources and methods from unauthorized disclosure;..."

3. As you are aware, there have been a number of flagrant violations of this part of the National Security Act during recent years, and particularly during the Cuban crisis. Nowhere in the proposed disclosure policy do I find any real emphasis, and certainly no adequate emphasis on this responsibility of the DCI. It seems to me that this is so important that it should be stressed right up in the front portion of the proposed policy, and certainly under Section III, "Conditions of Disclosure," it should appear as a subparagraph under paragraph A, probably as A (3) or A (4).

4. Please take another reading on this and have the proper people come in and try to convince me that the proposed policy is satisfactory in its present form. Please do not dispatch my letter until I am so convinced.

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